REQUEST 10/785,083 **Application Number FOR** 8545 Confirmation Number CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) Filing Date February 25, 2004 TRANSMITTAL Hajime MAKI First Named Inventor MAIL STOP RCE 1755 Group Art Unit Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 David R. Sample Examiner Name Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 079995 Matter Number Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or METHOD FOR PRODUCING A-ALUMINA plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995 **PARTICULATE** Title This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. 1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. \(\overline{\Omega} \) Previously submitted Please enter and consider the Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 i. 🗹 previously filed on January 8, 2007 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ii. 🗆 Other iii. 🗆 b. Enclosed i. □ Amendment/Reply ii. □ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. 🗆 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. 🗆 Petition for Extension of Time v. Other 2. MISCELLANEOUS Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months b. Other 3. FEES A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Direct all correspondence to the address for SUGHRUE MION, PLLC filed under the Customer Number listed below: 02/08/2007 MAHMED1 00000157 10785083 WASHINGTON OFFICE 23373 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP CUSTOMER NUMBER SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

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